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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Stephen Martone et al.

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Art Unit : 3736

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Jonathan M. Foreman

Title : ENDOSCOPE SHEATH ASSEMBLIES HAVING AN ATTACHED BIOPSY
SAMPLING DEVICE

Mail Stop Amendment
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 10, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.